

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) An isolated DNA sequence comprising the 5' flanking region of the gymnosperm loblolly pine 4CL1B as shown in SEQ ID No: 11 having SEQ ID NO: 10.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A fragment of an An isolated DNA sequence having SEQ ID NO: 10 comprising the promoter region of a gymnosperm 4CL gene involved in syringyl lignin biosynthesis, wherein said promoter region directs gene expression and includes two GGTAGGTA binding sites.

30-45. (Canceled)